

Dear CEDARS Data Warehouse (CDW) LEA Trainers,

We hope you've had a great start of school! Here are a few items of information we'd like to share with you that you can share with your LEA.

## **CEDARS LEA Trainers Webinar**

A CEDARS LEA Trainers webinar has been scheduled on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

The registration ULR is: <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/521815545>

You may also register from the CDW Wiki. No link will be provided on the NCDPI Public Schools website.

We will begin the session with an update on the data loaded into the CDW. A demonstration of the CDW LEA Trainers Wiki, the CDW Submission Schedule, CDW Data Dictionary and the latest dashboards will be provided. Please come prepared to discuss how we can collaborate and pool our collective resources for future training events out in the state.

## **CDW OBIEE Improvements**

### **NCDPI Creates Dashboards**

To facilitate ease of use regarding the CDW, the CEDARS team has begun collaborating with the various program / business areas to create dashboards that not only provide useful information specific to their respective staff members, but are also useful to others who have an interest in the historical data. To date, the following dashboards have been published:

#### **Aggregate Dashboards**

- Budget Codes
- Use of Funds
- 4– Graduation Rate (LEA)
- 4– Graduation Rate (School)

#### **Detail Dashboards**

- Staff Demographics
- Experience (Staff)
- Student Demographics
- End of Course (EOC)
- End of Grade (EOG)
- ACCESS Testing (ELL)
- Home Languages (ELL)
- LEP Roster (ELL)
- State testing (ELL)

What has your LEA created that others would benefit from? If you've created something outstanding for your LEA that you think anyone in the state would benefit from seeing, please feel free to submit reports for publication.

What dashboards would your LEA like to see that you might need help in creating? If you are having trouble creating a report and need assistance, please contact us at [cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov) and we will be happy to help.

## **NCDPI Changes the CDW OBIEE Landing Page**

At the most basic level, there are two types of users who access the CDW. There are those who have the ability to create reports for the LEA and those who are able to view NCDPI published dashboards at the LEA and/or at the school. In an effort to streamline training and usability, NCDPI has updated the OBIEE landing page. So what does this mean? Now when a user logs in, they are immediately routed to the dashboard Table of Contents page to which they have the highest level of authority. Why is this important? The majority of users in your LEA will be access dashboards only. (For a refresher in security roles, check out: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/docs/cedars/reporting/registration/obiee-reg.pdf>) This change should make it easier to keep trainees on track during training sessions and lessen questions about why they might have access to a page that they have no immediate use for. Please keep in mind that those who have access to create analysis and reports still have full functionality on the Home page. Those users are asked to perform an additional click to access the Home page from the Global Header.

## **Documentation**

The CEDARS team is proud to announce that the first half of the CDW Data Dictionary was submitted for publication on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012! This searchable Excel document which identifies the Data Element in OBIEE, the program/business area the data originates from and a brief Definition of the data element should be published to the NCDPI's website no later than Friday September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012.

Please expect the second half of the CDW Data Dictionary published in late December of 2012

Data Elements from the following Subject Areas in OBIEE have been defined:

### **Published**

- State, SEA and LEA Information
- Student Information
- Staff Information
- Finance
- Cross Program Analysis
- Individual Programs

### **Pending**

- Assessments
- School Safety
- School Enrollment
- Membership
- CTE
- Courses and Grades
- Student Attendance

## Conferences

The CEDARS team was invited to participate in the LEP Coordinators conference that was held September 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at the Friday Center in Chapel Hill. In conjunction with the two 'Data Dudes'; the extraordinary Mr. Mark Hausner and Mr. Michael Riles from the ESL team, we discussed data processes ranging from NC WISE ESL procedures to data validation and OBIEE Dashboards. Here are a couple of quotes from those who participated:

- "First off, having gone to the LEP coordinators meeting on the 12th and being from stuffy New York, I thought you did a great job. You kept the meeting very entertaining and informational."
- "Kudos to you for making your data portion of the presentation exciting."
- "Great tool. I feel that LEA staff will be excited about having data readily at their fingertips."

Since the conference, the CEDARS team has seen quite a few new registrations for the system come in. People are excited to start viewing the historical data! Remind your Security Officers to keep an eye out for registrations!

Thank you to the ESL team for allowing CEDARS to attend!

Do you have a conference you'd like the CEDARS team to attend? Email us at [cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov)

## Security Officer Reminder

There are still LEAs and Charters who have not appointed a CDW Security Officer. This week the Superintendents of those LEAs and Charters were notified. Be prepared to answer questions about the responsibilities of the CDW Security Officer and what the CDW can do for your LEA.

## Training Events

We have more data than ever before! It's time to start spreading the word. The NCDPI CEDARS team will begin a series of webinars which will introduce users to the overall CEDARS concept, user roles, functionality and the data. You and your LEA/school staff are invited to attend. Expect registration links to be posted within the next week at: <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/cedars/reporting/events/>

Go To Event	Audience	Date/Time
CEDARS Data Warehouse (CDW) Overview	All Users	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
CEDARS Data Warehouse (CDW) Overview	All Users	October 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
CDW Introduction to Dashboards	All Users	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2012 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
CDW Introduction to Dashboards	All Users	October 23 <sup>rd</sup> , 2012 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
LEP Coordinators – Instructional Decisions	LEP Coordinators	October 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
LEP Data Managers 1:	LEP Data Managers	November 6 <sup>th</sup> , 2012

Overview and Dashboards		8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
CDW Subject Areas	LEA Detail Answers Users	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
CDW Subject Areas	LEA Detail Answers Users	November 13 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
LEP Data Managers 2: Trends and Analysis	LEP Data Managers	December 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2012 8:30 AM – 10:30 AM

## Superintendent's Letter

Most of the information in this and previous messages sent to the CDW LEA trainers will be communicated to the NC State Superintendents in their regular newsletter. We anticipate interest to spike in the CDW. It is essential that we remind our LEA staff and peers across the state what the CDW is and how it can benefit our schools in enabling and empowering great teaching.

If you have questions or comments regarding the CDW please feel free to contact us at any time at [cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov](mailto:cedars-info@dpi.nc.gov).

Thank you,